

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Concerning the Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 19-21 are cancelled hereinabove.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 24, 29, 31, 32 were cancelled in a previous reply.

Claims 13, 22, 23, 25-28, 30, 33, and 34 remain pending in the application.

Applicants estimate that no fee is required for the above amendments. If this estimate is incorrect, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 210100 the required fee.

B. Concerning the Final Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 19-21

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 19-21 stand finally rejected for the reasons given in the Final Rejection, dated August 30, 2007.

In reply, Applicants have cancelled here-in-above all of the rejected claims, specifically, Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 19-21. Claims 13, 22, 23, 25-28, 30, 33, and 34, which are deemed to be allowable, remain pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowability of said claims.

The undersigned has investigated the inventorship of the claims remaining after amendment and has determined that no correction of inventorship is required in this application.

In view of the above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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